



## President's Message

Mud season is upon us again. I don't know how you feel about it, but I have mixed feelings. On the one hand it means winter activities are over and it feels like the dogs need a bath every day (particularly mine, which are white!). On the other hand, no lines at the gas station, no crowds in the grocery store and a feeling of anticipation for all the fun summer activities ahead.



I've been asking people at TGIF's and Après Skis how they plan to spend mud season. People staying locally plan to hike and bike at lower altitudes to avoid the mud. "Moab week" is a mud season activity. And many of you are taking off to other parts of the U.S. (California, Florida and the East Coast featured often) and to Europe and Asia. I heard UK, Spain, France, Korea, Taiwan, Japan among others! Whatever you are doing, have fun!

PCMSC relies on volunteers to function. From sporting event leaders to knit'n'stitch afternoons, from people who open their homes for Après Ski or TGIF social gatherings to volunteers who help behind the scenes to set up or clean up social events, from board members to managing the website, updating the calendar or sending communications. We want to shine a light on our volunteers and from now on will showcase a couple of volunteers each month. This month features Caprice Benz and Jean Rusk.

We are also introducing you to one of our new board members, Maggi Messina.

### **April Events Summary**

In April, the Club sponsored 24 events, composed of 7 days of downhill skiing, 1 cross-country ski day, 1 snowshoe hike, 1 hike, 3 Mah Jongg activities, 1 Après Ski event plus an Après Ski host thank you event, 2 TGIF events, 1 Knit & Stitch activity, 4 bowling events, 1 MTB ride and 1 B-level road bike.

### **Sports Events**

#### **Downhill Skiing:**

As the season winds down, the Club sponsored 7 days of downhill skiing in April: one at Deer Valley, two at Canyons and four at Park City Mountain.

Thank you again to the leaders of these downhill ski events, which included Kathy Kelleher, Diane Jamail, Ray Naudain, Bruce Woefle, Sharon Heckman, Pris Watson, Bill Watson, Mary Lou Gilotti, Vince Gilotti, Steve Pohlman, Jane Sagerman, Steve Peer, David Anderson and Jay Zorzy.

“Silver to Slopes” Mine History Tours had such good attendance that Sandy Brumley and Melissa Clark led two additional tours in April.

**Cross-Country Skiing:**

We also had 1 cross-country ski event in April, led by Joan Entwistle.

**Snowshoeing:**

Ellen Sherk led one snowshoe event at Bonanza Flat.

**Hiking and Biking:**

As the season changes, we also had our first “summer” activities, with one hike to Rocky Top Trail, led by Jen Heineman; one mountain bike ride on the Coyote Trails in Heber, led by Ellen Sherk; and one road bike ride at Buffalo Ranch, led by Chuck Mollard.

**Social Events:**

**Bowling:**

Joe Assenheim organized and led 4 bowling outings in April.

**Knit & Stitch:**

One Knit & Stitch event was held in April, with Caryn Harkins and Jennifer Gursch coordinating.

**Mah Jongg:**

Mah Jongg continued in April, coordinated and hosted by Kathie Manangan Marriott.

**Après Ski:**

One Après Ski event was held, hosted by Janice and Bruce Thoman. In addition, Pris and Bill hosted a thank you event for all the season Après Ski hosts.

**TGIF:**

Two TGIFs were held this month, one at the home of Sandy and Neil Rypkema, and the other at Woodward Park City. Thanks go to Deb Black for organizing the Woodward event and to the Après Ski and TGIF hosts for opening their homes to our members.

We also want to say a big thank you to Ellen Sherk and her winter sports coordinators: Diane Gower (downhill skiing), Joan Entwistle (XC skiing), Jeri Brooke (snowshoeing) and Kathy Kelleher (Après Ski). It’s been another fun season, packed with activities and we couldn’t do it without you!

Until next month!

Kate Stephenson

**President**

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## Volunteer Spotlight

**Caprice Benz**

Bill and I joined the club in about 2013 and have loved being part of the PCMSC family. We started out going on hikes and

now we road bike almost exclusively.

I believe I started volunteering to lead road bike rides around 2016, but it may have been earlier. Sometimes the group is large and occasionally just a few. The club members that I ride with have become such good friends, and I look forward to seeing them whenever we ride together.



Volunteering to lead a road bike ride gives me the opportunity to introduce our Club members to places around our beautiful valley where they may have never been in the past. I enjoy leading rides every Monday morning up Cascade Scenic Byway during bike season. It's such a beautiful ride, and even though I'm usually the last person to get to the summit, it's very rewarding to be able to do it, especially at my age.

I'm thankful to be a member of PCMSC and look forward to many years to come.

### **Jean Rusk**

Without communications and the website, we wouldn't know what is happening. Jean is one of the volunteers that helps the board with communications. She monitors the club's website daily, responding to requests for information or questions raised and ensuring everyone is on the email list if they have fallen off. She enjoys this role as it makes her feel connected to the Club.



When Jean joined the Club in 2002, communications were very different: a monthly newsletter was mailed to members, there was no online calendar, everything was paper. There was some email, but very limited. Constant Contact and a new website changed all that. Jean has been a part of it from the start!

Coming from San Francisco, Jean chose Park City for the skiing and hiking and proximity to a major airport – and of course for the amazing community! She enjoyed hiking and snowshoeing with the Club.

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## **New Board Member Maggi Messina – Vice President**

I started skiing at Deer Valley with my then-boyfriend (now husband) in the 1980s. Over the years we visited several ski areas, but kept coming back to the Park City area for its charm, reliable snow conditions, and safe airport. In 2004 we bought a second home here which instantly became our family's beloved gathering spot for winter holidays and summer breaks. As our extended family grew, we ran out of bedrooms, and now my niece and my brother also own homes in the area.



I grew up in Southern California, completed an MBA, and worked in accounting in the U.S. and abroad before getting married. My husband traveled for work, and while I stayed home to raise our children, I also rekindled my interest in music. I have been playing professionally in a cover band in California for over 20 years, worked in the administration of a local symphony, and currently also play with a band formed with members of PCMSC. When Covid forced my husband to retire in

2020, we began to spend more time in Park City and fell in love with the lifestyle. We are in the process of becoming full time residents.

I am an avid skier, hiker, and traveler. I joined PCMSC in 2022 and have participated in hikes, TGIFs, and Apres events, and look forward to joining additional activities and getting to know more PCMSC members. I am also on the board of Park City Singers and serve as the choir librarian and website administrator.

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